

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 7007 - SB 7090

August 22, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (009413): Specifies that the reports of county medical examiners and autopsy reports involving minors who are victims of homicide are not public documents. Authorizes such reports to be released if the minor's parent or legal guardian consents to the report's release and the parent or legal guardian is not a suspect in the circumstances of the minor's death. Further authorizes the release of the reports under a court order upon a showing of good cause including but not limited to the investigation of a potential wrongful conviction.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- County medical examiners can comply with provisions of the proposed legislation without a significant fiscal impact.
- Any impact on the Department of Health can be handled within existing resources without a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Preventing such reports from becoming public documents is not estimated to have a significant impact on the operations of the district attorney general or other investigative entities.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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